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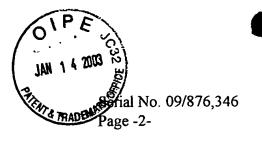
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

The Examiner has required restriction to Invention I or Invention II for prosecution on the merits. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant elects species II. Claims 2-10 are directed to Invention II and are hereby elected for prosecution. Claims 1 and 11-14 are directed to non-elected Invention I.



If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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